

ABOUT THE HOUSE.

Mrs. Merriwid took off her big, fuzzy hat and sent it skimming to the davenport, with her habitual, careless ease, and then slipped out of her long Blodman, who were also present, was fur coat, revealing a costume that elicited a little squeal of astonishment better than that." from her maternal maiden aunt Jane. It was certainly bizarre in coloring Jane. and remarkable as to its draping, that costume.

"You don't mean to say you work that, Melissa?" said Aunt Jane.

"I certainly did, darling," replied Mrs. Merriwid. "Why do you ask?"

"Oh, for no reason in particular, my won't mind my saying that I hope you kept your coat on."

you don't even know what art is."

"Perhaps I don't," said Aunt Jane,

same fix. I gather from what Mr. Me. and soothe his agitated spirits when a

MELISSA WILL HAVE NO MEGILPS | thing but gasp and look at them with dumb pleading eyes. But he deserved t. He ought to have known better. To even mention Maidgood in the presence of Mr. Megilp, not to speak of Mr. Blivvy and Mr. Klem and Mr.

"I'm sure I wouldn't," said Aunt

honestly about the limit. Even I know

"Auntie, dear," said Mrs. Merriwid. 'That vandal Maidgood paints his things just the way they are. He isn't ashamed to have green grass and blue sky in his landscapes, and his sheep actually look like sheep, and when it comes to the female form divine, he'll dear," said Aunt Jane; "only you make curves when he could just as well do them in straight lines and an-

gles. Then he uses either brushes or "Dearle," returned Mrs. Merriwid, a pallette knife to apply his paint, inequably, "I never mind anything you stead of a plasterer's trowel, and the say. I know that even your harshest worst thing of all is that he sells his criticisms of my conduct are uttered pictures for real money and quite a lot wholly and solely for my good and of it. Just to look at the man you'd with a view to my improvement. All know him for the panderer to a dethe same, loved one, your remark be based taste that he is. He might be trays the fact that you are hopelessly a stockbroker or a banker for all the Philistine and have never made a distinction there is in his dress. As serious study of the clinging and the different from dear Mr. Megilp with cadaverous in art. I'm afraid, dearie, his cunning blonde beard and his loose flowing peacock-blue necktie as anything you can imagine. Auntie, just think how perfectly lovely it would be "Well, don't lose any sleep over it, to own a being in brown velveteen like loved one," said Mrs. Merriwid. Mr. Megilp, to sustain and inspire him "There are whole communities in the and pose for him and tie his neckties



"To Say Nothing of the Attentions Mr. Megilp Paid Me."

says that there aren't twenty-five | loathsome realist people in Chicago who are capable of mention! And he could design all my recognizing art. There were about fif- gowns." teen of them at the tea. I felt all swelled up with the distinction of being among them, to say nothing of the attentions Mr. Megilp paid me."

"I wouldn't encourage him, Melissa," said Aunt Jane.

"Genius should always be encouraged, dearie," declared Mrs. Merriwid. "It's our duty to encourage it."

"The question is, is he a genius?" Aunt Jane asked.

"Mercy! I should say he was," said Mrs. Merriwid. "If you had been at that tea and seen his studio and his pictures, not to mention his guests, yo'u wouldn't dream of doubting it. If he hasn't the divine fire, I'll be willing to, bet he finds it chilly in the winter. There wasn't the first sign of a radiator in the room. We all kept pretty close to the samovar and the warmer tinted canvases, however, and there was one heated argument on art, so we didn't suffer especially. The argument was started over Maidgood's pictures. The only Philistine present said they were delightful, and there was a general movement-the kind of a movement you'll notice on the street when two dogs begin to fight. Mr. Megilp was just telling me something pretty about my gown, but he made a port of bound to pick up the gage of battle and left his compliment broken off short.

'Delightful, perhaps,' he said, with deadly calm and poisonous politeness. Delightful it may be; but, my dear sir, do you consider that sort of thing /art?

"'I supposed it was,' said the Philistine. 'The critics seem to think his coloring is extraordinarily fine.'

"Nearly everybody shivered at that You'd have thought some one had left an outside door open. There were six distinct shrugs, and one lady with a sinuous neck said: 'Oh, the critics!' in just the tone Mr. Prosit used to say 'boorgewah!'

"And you can't deny his superb drawing,' the Philistine continued. 'Oh, the fellow can draw,' Mr. Megilp adtmited, with a lofty smile. 'So can an automobile designer. But we

were speaking of art.' 'Well, there's sentiment and appeal and human interest in his pictures,' said the Philistine. 'I may be wrong, but I consider-

"That was as far as he got. They fell on him en masse and choked him with relative proportions and values town you must be running into and Hurne-Jones and idealism and mid- debt." dle distances and high lights and at- I am already in debt; my creditors mosphere until he couldn't do any are doing all the running."

"Melissa, my dear," said Aunt Jane. 'You can't scare me a bit. But, honestly, what did you have that awful dress made for?"

"To tell the truth, dearie," said Mrs. Merriwid, "I intended it for the Drysalters' association masquerade ball. I'm going to impersonate an Easter lily. Only," she added, with a downward glance, "I'll have to have the stem let out considerably if I do any dancing."

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Views of William Dean Howells. William Dean Howells, on the recent occasion of his birthday anniversary, expressed the great interest with which he was watching the spread and progress of the feminist movement.

"It is," he said, "one of the most important developments of this generation and one of the most hopeful. The men have made such a mess of things that if the women do not come to the rescue, I'm sure I don't know what is to become of us."

Coming from the widely recognized dean of American letters, such an observation scales some pounds heavier than were it merely from an idla

singer of an empty day. It expresses, perhaps, the growing conviction of a great many thinking people who, until rather lately, have not been disposed to regard the Votes for Women agitation overseriously. Specially to be noted is the cheerful optimism with which the eyes that have looked so deeply into American life and character now, after seventyfive years, see only hopefulness in the surging of women toward the ballotbox, or, to be more accurate, toward the privileges of which it is the symbol.—Chicago Tribuna

De Tocqueville's Faith.

I cannot believe that the Creator made man to leave him in an endless struggle with the intellectual miseries that suround us. I am ignorant of his designs, but I cannot cease to believe in them because I cannot fathom them, and I had rather mistrust my own capacity than his justice.—De Tocqueville.

Their Turn Now. Father-"I am sorry to have to say, my son, that from what I hear about Son-"You are mistaken, sir.

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lows of Salvation." "A Sigh of Sorrow for the Sinners of Zion Breathed Out of a Hole in the Wall of an Earthly Vessel Known Among Men by the Name of Samuel Fish" (a Quaker who had been im-

prisoned). "Eggs of Charity Layed for the Chickens of the Covenant and Boiled With the Water of Divine Love. Take

Ye Out and Eat." "The Spiritual Mustard Pot to Make the Soul Sneeze With Devo-

Most of these were published in the time of Cromwell.-London Strand.

## PIMPLES ON FACE AND ARMS

411 Howard St., Dayton, Ohio .-"About a year ago my face, neck, arms and back were beginning to become afflicted with pimples and blackheads. My pimples would get very large and appear to come to a head. If I tried to open them the pain would be terrible, but nothing could be taken from them. They itched very badly; I suffered terribly from itching. After scratching, the pimples would swell and after the swelling was gone my face would become very red and remain so for some time. My clothing caused the itching to be worse. When it was warm it was utterly impossible to sleep.

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Nothing To It. "I believe in calling a spade a

spade." "Guess you might as well. I've never been able to pass one off for a diamond or a heart."

Very Much So. "I have a soft job." "What is it?" "Making feather beds."

His Species. "I'll bet that crooked looking fellow is a bird."

"I know it. He's a stool pigeon." The Vehicle.

"Jaggs was carried away at the performance last night." "By delight, or in the patrol wagon?"

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BISHOP'S POINT WELL MADE

Rebuke to Which It is Hard to See How the Curate Could Make an Answer.

Bishop Oliphant of Llandaff had a well-to-do young man as curate who had rather sporting instincts. He kept his own horses and always drove tandem. The bishop disapproved, and decided to administer a rebuke on a favorable opportunity. Both the bishop and the curate, each driving in his own way, met near the historic Cow and Snuffers. The bishop, of course, was driving two abreast, and the curate tandem, as usual.

"I really must protest," said the bishop, "at your driving about in such a manner." "Well, my lord," said the curate, you are driving two horses, and so

am I. What is the difference?" After a few moments' reflection

Bishop Oliphant replied: "If, when you are at prayers at the cathedral, the congregation placed their hands in the same position as you have placed your horses what would become of the dignity and solemnity of the service?"-London Mail.

Quiet English Parish.

The tiny parish of Clannaborough, North Devon, England, a little village, has a population of only 42, so that baptisms, marriages and burials are not very frequent. The other week the first marriage ceremony for 15 years took place, but even then the couple were not parishioners, the bride coming from St. Austell, the bridegroom, whose home is at Exmouth, being the rector's brother-in-

Speak Louder.

An old farmer in Ayrshire had a habit of feigning deafness when he wanted to avoid answering an awkward question. One day a neighbor said to him:

"I'd like to borrow your cart this morning: mine is having a spring mended.

"You'll have to speak louder," the old farmer answered. "I don't hear very well-and I don't like to lend my cart, anyhow."-Glasgow Spy.

Plaint of a Plant.

"But, your honor, my wife won't let me work."

"Won't let you work?" "No; I got a job last week, and she

made me quit." "What kind of a position was it?"

"At the burlesque theater, sitting in the audience where a soubrette could come down twice a day and kiss me."-Judge.

Their Two Industries. Vacational (at seaport town)-What do you do here in summer? Native-Loaf and fish. V .- And in the winter?

N.-We cut out the fishin'. In the Stilly Night.

Country Innkeeper-Did you hear the fight out in front about one o'clock New Yorker (wearily)-Yes. It put

me to sleep!-Puck.

Frost-Sometimes one runs across his friends in the most unexpected

Snow-True. Yesterday I found Agnes at home.

In Condition.

"I don't feel quite well, doctor. Do you think I could go to a coffee party this afternoon?"

"Certainly, miss. Your tongue is all right."-Fliegende Blaetter.

No Contortionist. Fat Man-Did you give them a good

shine? Bootblack-Sure, sir. Look for

yourself. Fat Man-I'll take your word for it.

Bulky. "That fat man over there used to be a page in the Senate.'

into a volume now." Tommy's Hands.

Ma-Tommy, did you wash your hands this morning? Tommy-I washed one of them,

mother. The other didn't need it.

"A page, eh! Well, he's grown

A Steady One.

"There is one enterprise into which everybody manages to get."

"What is that?"

the man!

"The directory."

His Idea.

Coed-I don't think clothes makes

College Man-Nor I. I think it all depends on the cigarettes he smokes.

He-Be mine and you will make me the happiest man in the world. She-I'm very sorry; but unfortunately I want to be happy myself.

"Eternal punishment" may be the price of being too poor to buy divorce.

The fit pleasures of youth become missits in after years.

Some young men would rather love and lose than never love at all.

Had His Gost, Evidently. A Springfield man, replying to his

wife's petition for divorce, says: "Defendant states that the plaintiff is much better qualified than the defend-ant to carry her part in nagging contests; that she commands a better and more extensive vocabulary than the defendant, and simply overwilelmed him with her complaints and reproaches, and she was so master of her feelings that she could readily pass from storm to sunshine, from abuse to tears, from harsh language to tenderness, and from nagging plaintiff could upon the appearance of a third person so readily become all smiles and suavity that her sudden and complete changes of moods completely bewildered defendant."-Kansas City Star.

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An Echo.

Susie (age six)-And when we grow up we'll be married, won't we, Bobbie?

Bobby (sadly)-No, Susie, I can't marry into your family. Your papa has weak eyes and your auntie has вравтв.

She Knew.

Stenographer-Mr. Penner, I am a

lady - I never even think such

Bookkeeper-If I asked the boss to raise my salary, what do you think he

things! Not What She Expected.

Ferdy-You are not like most of the other girls I know. Sylvia (very softly)-No?

Contradictory Pleasure. "What do you think his wife con-

Ferdy-No, indeed! The others

tan, but you freckle!-Puck.

sidered his giving her a square deal?" "Taking her on a round of amuse

ments." Poverty of Idea. Madeline-Why, Mrs. Benaway; are

you back? Mrs. Benaway-Yes, dear; are you?

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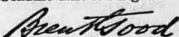


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